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NOTICE

To: All interested parties
Re: State of Indiana Housing & Community Development Needs Surveys
Date: January 31, 2006

The State of Indiana is currently preparing its first annual update to the Five Year (2005-2009) Consolidated Plan, a report required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This report is necessary for the State to receive housing and community development block grant funding. In FY2006, the State could receive approximately **\$55 million** in Federal housing and community development assistance.

In the past, these dollars have funded homeownership and rental assistance programs, construction of homeless and domestic violence shelters, economic development efforts, water and sewer infrastructure improvements, and programs that assist people with special needs. The funds are distributed by the State of Indiana to local governments and nonprofit housing and community development organizations throughout the state.

BBC Research & Consulting (BBC) is assisting the State with the preparation of its Five Year Consolidated Plan Update. We are working in association with the Indiana Office of Rural Affairs (ORA) and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA).

We are writing to ask for your assistance in identifying housing and community needs in your area.

Attached is a copy of a Citizen Survey. We invite you to distribute this survey to your clients. If your clients would like to complete the survey, please reproduce the survey, have your clients fill out the survey, collect the surveys and return them to BBC, attention of Heidi Aggeler, 303.399.0448 (fax) or (by mail) 3773 Cherry Creek Drive North, Suite 850, Denver, Colorado 80209. Please return the surveys by March 1, 2006.

Draft Consolidated Plan and public hearings. Beginning on April 15, 2006, the Draft Five Year Consolidated Plan Update will be released for public comment. The Plan will be available electronically on the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's website at <http://www.indianahousing.org>, and the Indiana Office of Rural Affairs' website at <http://www.in.gov/ora/service.html>. Hard copies will be available at the Office of Rural Affairs. The

State will be holding two public hearings between April 15 and May 15 to receive comments about the draft plan. The date and locations of the hearings will be announced on the above websites.

You may also comment on the plan in writing by sending a letter to:

<p>Consolidated Plan, Office of Lt. Governor Rebecca S. Skillman Grants Services One North Capitol Avenue, Suite 600 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2248 1-800-246-7064</p>
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We look forward to hearing from you! Thank you for your participation in this very important process.

The Indiana Office of Rural Affairs

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority